

Weekly Summer Flounder Quota Report (No. 48)

Summer Flounder Landings and State Commercial Quotas (Pounds) for 1999.

State	Late Entries	Week Ending 04-DEC-99	Period Cumulative Total (to date)	1999 Quotas	Percent Landed
ME	0	0	5,856	4,450	131.6
NH	0	0	0	51	0
MA	135	0	796,924	757,842	105.2
RI	1,475	13,880	1,569,517	1,742,583	90.1
CT	0	1,154	229,042	238,516	96.0
NY	0	12	801,243	790,006	101.4
NJ	230	43,755	1,815,552	1,853,926	97.9
DE	0	0	7,045	-25,739	-
MD	2,393	307	177,327	202,354	87.6
VA	0	24,390	1,841,013	2,120,696	86.8
NC	52	187	2,260,237	3,044,589	74.2
TOTAL	4,285	83,685	9,503,756	10,729,274	88.6

Notes:

The total quota reflects pounds available for landings in states with quota. States with negative allocations have zero (0) pounds of quota available.

If negative late entries are present on this report, they are the result of corrections made to the database.

For the week ending **04-DEC-99**, 228 dealers held a federal summer flounder permit. Of those 228 dealers, 158 (69%) have submitted a weekly quota report for the current reporting week. Because Massachusetts dealers submit weekly quota reports directly to the state, they were not included in these calculations.

These data are the best available to NMFS when this report was compiled. Data are supplied to NMFS by dealers and/or state agencies and may be preliminary. Data supplied by the State of Massachusetts are as of November 27, 1999.

The following summary is updated as information is received, and may not reflect recent state actions. Readers are urged to contact the appropriate state agency for further information.

State Information on Summer Flounder

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State/ Commonwealth	Closure status	Trip/Possession Limits (pounds)	Other Provisions/ Pending Changes	State Contact
Maine	Federal		Effective 0001 hrs on 3/30/99, fishing vessels issued a Federal moratorium permit for summer flounder fishery may no longer land or possess summer flounder in Maine for the remainder of the 1999 calendar year.	Kerry Lyons 207-633-9510
New Hampshire				603-868-1095
Massachusetts	Federal/ State		Effective 8/16/99, the commercial summer flounder fishery will be closed for the remainder of the year. The landing/possession limit will drop to 0 lbs for all gear types on this date.	Dave Pierce 617-727-3193
Rhode Island			Effective 1201 hrs on 12/11/99, the possession limit will be 400 lbs of summer flounder until 1201 hrs on 1/1/00 when the possession limit will be 1000 lbs.	Jenifer Temple 401-222-3075 401-789-3094
Connecticut	State	Effective Wednesday, 11/10/99, the possession limit for summer flounder (fluke) taken from CT waters or landed in this state, regardless where taken, is reestablished at 100 lbs per trip or per day.		Colleen Giannini 860-434-6043

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New York	Federal/ State	Beginning 0001 hrs on 11/10/99 and ending 2400 hrs on 1/1/2000, no summer flounder permit holder may land any summer flounder from any one fishing trip. Closure applies to any summer flounder permit holder.	Effective on 11/1/99, fishing vessels issued a Federal moratorium permit for summer flounder fishery may no longer land or possess summer flounder in New York for the remainder of the 1999 calendar year.	John Mason 516-444-0453
New Jersey	State	Effective 1801 hrs on 12/7/99, no vessel shall land or possess any summer flounder in excess of by-catch trip limit of 200 lbs through 12/31/99 or until such time as the fall by-catch quota of 81,312 lbs is projected to be taken. By-catch landings may not exceed ten (10) percent, by weight, of all species landed and sold.		Tom McCloy 609-292-2083
Delaware				Rick Cole 302-739-4782
Maryland		2,000 lbs for vessels with Maryland summer flounder landing permit.	For vessels without a Maryland summer flounder landing permit, 200 lbs from the Atlantic Coast and 100 lbs from the Chesapeake Bay.	Harley Speir 410-260-8303
Virginia		Effective 4/7/99 through 11/15/99, vessels shall be limited to no more than 10% by weight of all other landed species on board.		Lewis Gillingham 757-247-2243

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State/ Commonwealth	Closure status	Trip/Possession Limits (pounds)	Other Provisions/ Pending Changes	State Contact
North Carolina			Beginning 0001 hrs 12/1/99 and ending 1800 hrs on 12/16/99, no commercial fishing operation, regardless of the number of people involved, may have total landings of more than 10,000 lbs of summer flounder taken from the Atlantic Ocean.	Fentress "Red" Munden, 919-726-7021